

FDA aimHI Summer Incubator Program

Summer is short. Do stuff that matters.

Are you a creative and collaborative high school student looking for a new challenge? Join the Office of Science & Engineering Laboratories (OSEL) in the Center for Device and Radiological Health (CDRH) at the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) for the aimHI Summer Incubator Program!

Overview

aimHI stands for Accelerating Administration, Information Management and Health Information for High School Students. Our goal is to grow the federal innovation and the diversity pipeline by sparking high school students' interest in technology, medical devices, and entrepreneurship. Learn about OSEL/CDRH while working on a team mobile application development project. Students will work with mentors and coaches to build a prototype. The program will culminate in a Shark Tank and Demo Day.

Program Details

aimHI is an unpaid volunteer opportunity and partnership with the Montgomery County Public Library (MCPL). The program will run July 6 - August 10, 2016 at the FDA White Oak in Silver Spring, MD. During this time, participants will work 8 hours a day Monday-Friday. Participants will also meet part-time at a MCPL incubator site in Montgomery County, MD, and attend field trips in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. All sites will be accessible via public transportation.

Eligibility

aimHI is open to high school students who will be entering between 10th - 12th grades. No prior skills or experience needed- just an interest to learn, and a willingness to work hard. Students must be eligible to work in the U.S. and have proof of health insurance. Selected participants must be available for the full duration of the program, and willing to travel locally to program sites and field trips.

How to Apply

Applications will be accepted April 4th - 22nd. Please email the following materials to the OSEL Recruitment Coordinator at OSELRecruitment@fda.hhs.gov:

- 1) Resume
- 2) A written or video response to the questions listed below. Each response should be a maximum of 300 words or 3 minutes for video (send compressed zip file or YouTube URL).
 - a. What interests you in the aimHI Summer Incubator Program and what do you hope to learn or gain through this experience?
 - b. Tell us about a problem you have solved or challenge you have overcome. These can be academic or personal. How did you approach it? What did you learn from it?

Additional Information

Please contact the OSEL Recruitment Coordinator at OSELRecruitment@fda.hhs.gov.